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TAGS: BGEN, DM, US
SUBJECT: U.S. INVESTMENT: $4.5 MILLION TOMATO PASTE PLANT

LANG ENGINEERING CORPORATION OF CORAL GABLES, FL. SIGNED CONTRACT WITH MRGD ON SEPTEMBER 15 IN COTONOU TO ESTABLISH SUBJECT PLANT IN WHICH GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE MAJORITY OWNERSHIP. MEMBERS OF LANG DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ANDERSON WERE GUESTS OF FINANCE MINISTER JANVIER ASSOGBA AT LUNCHEON AND LATER OFFERED RECEPTION ATTENDED BY NUMEROUS MRGD REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING FINANCE, JUSTIC AND PTT MINISTERS.

AGREEMENT CALLS FOR LANG TO PRODUCE PRELIMINARY STUDY OF PROJECT WITHIN ONE TO TWO MONTHS FOLLOWED BY COMPLETION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY IN SIX MONTHS. AFTER MUTUAL AGREEMENT PROJECT FEASIBLE, AND LANG HAS TOLD GOVERNMENT IT OPTIMISTIC ON THIS SCORE, LANG WILL CONSTRUCT PLANT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TRANSFORM 30,000 TONS OF TOMATOES ANNUALLY INTO 3,000 TONS OF PASTE. LANG WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGEMENT OF PROJECT, AND HAS AGREED TO TRAIN
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BOTH TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS WITH A VIEW TOWARDS

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TURNING COMPLETE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PLANT OVER TO DAHOMEANS.

HIGHLIGHT OF LANG VISIT WAS CALL ON PRESIDENT KEREKOU, WHO REITERATED GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN WELCOMING PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENT, AND ASSURED FULL MRGD COOPERATION WITH THIS AND FUTURE PROJECTS. HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO THANK EMBASSY FOR ITS ROLE IN HELPING TO REALIZE TOMATO PROJECT, AND HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENTS, WHICH CAN BE THE KEY TO COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY CEMENT AND PEANUT PROJECTS AS TOP GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES WHERE HE HOPED SUCH INVESTMENT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.
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